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## **FM expresses concern in The Hague over ICC**

-Sudanese Foreign Minister Deng Alor expressed concern over “Khartoum’s stance in dealing with the International Criminal Court (ICC)” during a meeting with his Dutch counterpart in The Hague. Alor’s statement came in the wake of chief prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo’s announcement mid-July of his intention to seek an arrest warrant against Sudanese president Omer Al-Bashir. “Alor, who is a key figure in the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM), criticized the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) yesterday in an interview with the Al-Sahafa newspaper.” “There is no choice before the NCP but to deal with the ICC. Demonstrations and protests will not solve this,” Alor said. (*SUNA*)

-Meanwhile, a September 6 report in *Sudan Vision* quoted former Minister of Justice Mohammed Ali Al-Mardi as criticizing the Sudanese Foreign Minister’s statement in The Hague, saying “if Alor’s statement in The Hague regarding the position of NCP was true, it means that he has violated his position as Minister of Foreign Affairs.” Al-Mardi continued that “there is no way Alor should criticize his partner [NCP] whilst on an official visit” and that he “should keep his personal views to himself.” (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Umma: Darfur problem lingers**

Mariam Al-Sadig of the Umma party said that the African regional security conference in Addis Ababa is “unlikely to resolve the Darfur problem,” as it “should be preceded by a Darfurian conference and an all-inclusive conference for all parties.” (*Khartoum Monitor*)

## **GOSS protests suspension of publications**

George Garang Deng, the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Government of South Sudan (GOSS) “strongly opposed” the steps taken by the Press and Publications Council in Khartoum to suspend two English language publications, The Citizen and The Sudan Tribune. Deng said that the “press should be free to speak out” and continued “this shows how unfair the press council of the Khartoum government is.” (*Sudan Tribune*)

## **LRA to sign peace agreement in Juba**

The Government of Uganda and the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) are scheduled to sign a peace accord in Juba this week under the mediation of GOSS Vice-President Riek Machar. The signing of the peace agreement was discussed in a meeting held last August in Uganda between GOSS President Salva Kiir and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni. (*Sudan Vision, Al-Sahafa, et al.*)

## **AU to hold meeting in New York**

The African Union Peace and Security council are planning will hold a meeting in New York at the end of this month to discuss efforts to “counter ICC Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo’s request to issue a warrant and arrest Sudanese President Al-Bashir.” The attending delegation will be headed by the Sudanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deng Alor. (*Sudan Tribune*).

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